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Family's tribute to Oliver who 'brought happiness and joy'

By Eva Astreinidou

TRIBUTES have been paid to a 29-year-old man who died after he was hit by a car just two days before Christmas.

Oliver Spooner, of the Bury, Odiham, was pronounced dead at the scene following a collision with a Ford Focus in North Warnborough on December 23 at 2am.

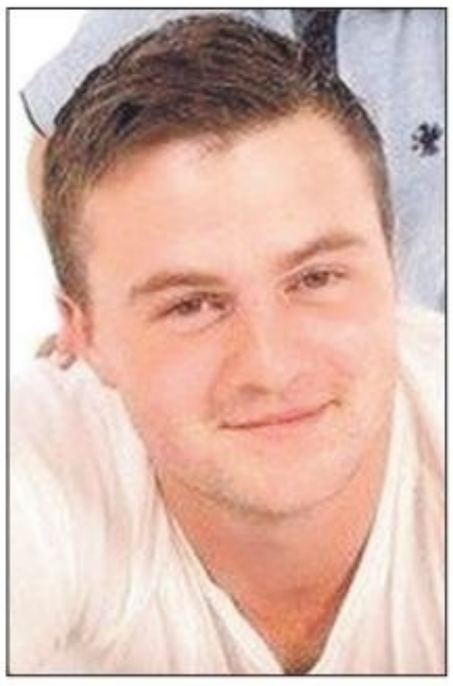
On New Year's Day his family released a statement: "Oli was a kind, caring son, brother, proudest daddy, uncle, partner and best friend to so many.

"Living life to the full, he brought laughter, joy and happiness to us all."

Investigations into the exact circumstances of the collision are ongoing and police said the driver of the car is helping with enquiries.

Officers would like to speak to anyone who witnessed what happened, or who saw either the red car or Mr Spooner prior to the collision by the junction 5 slip road to the M3.

If you can help, contact 101, quoting incident number 159, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Oliver Spooner was killed on December 23 after he was involved in a collision

Teenager detained over M3 charges

A TEENAGER who threw flammable material onto the M3, bringing it to a standstill for several hours, is being detained at a mental health hospital.

The 17-year-old from Winchester, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared at Winchester Crown Court on December 21.

The teenager entered guilty pleas to two charges of causing danger to road users on the M3 on September 16 and 23.

He denied charges of arson with intent to endanger life and his pleas were accepted by the prosecution.

He also admitted eight charges of

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Pupils' hot idea for making a Real Change

Fairfields Primary School pupils served hot chocolate to parents and fellow youngsters, deciding that 'everybody likes chocolate' to do their bit to help the homeless through the Real Change, Not Loose Change campaign.
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Commuters greeted with a back-to-work rail fare rise

By Eva Astreinidou

THE ringing in of the new year was not a happy occasion for the many commuters who were hit with 'eye-watering' hikes in rail fares.

Season ticket holders who travel from Basingstoke into London every day could now face a rise of over £130, with South Western Railway's fares rising by an average of 3.3 per cent.

Members of the local Labour party slammed the changes earlier this week, saying hard-working commuters are now paying 27 per cent more for their train fares since the Conservatives came into power in 2010.

Paul Harvey, Labour group leader in Basingstoke, said: "Passengers in Basingstoke have been hit again and again by eye-watering rail fare rises. This is a hike much greater than the average increase in people's wages. For many people here, travelling by train isn't a luxury, it's how they get to work every day."

Commuters on the key link between Basingstoke and Waterloo will now be paying over £4,400 for a yearly season ticket compared to £4,272 last year, and £3,352 in 2010/11.

The Labour group claims that despite the continual increase in fares, rail users aren't receiving a better standard in service and according to the group's research the number of late trains has doubled since 2011.

A spokesperson from South Western Railway said: "Following the works at Waterloo this August to create longer platforms, passengers have now been benefitting from extra capacity on some of the busiest routes when the new timetable started [in] December. As part of the roll-out of new Class 707 trains, existing stock is being cascaded elsewhere on the network to boost capacity, adding more than 5,000 additional seats for peak journeys by early 2018."

They pointed out the Government determine the level of increase to regulated fares such as season tickets, rather than train operators.

Paul Plummer, chief executive of the Rail Delivery Group which brings together train companies and Network Rail, said: "Alongside investment from the public and private sectors, money from fares is underpinning the partnership railway's long-term plan to change and improve."

All aboard bus!

SANTA swapped his sleigh for wheels to help raise funds for a hospice.

The Santa bus, operated by Stagecoach South, served all areas across Basingstoke in the lead-up to Christmas, raising money for St Michael's hospice.

Last year, the appeal raised more than £1,000 with the same amount being hoped for again.

St Michael's Hospice provide care for people with life-limiting illnesses in the area.

Chris Griffiths, head of marketing and business development and volunteer Mary Northeast with Santa

Community helps replace tree lights after vandal strikes

THE community of Basingstoke came together to make sure the festive spirit was kept alive after someone tore down lights from a Christmas tree in the town.

The Christmas lights were shining at Basingstoke's Top of Town again after staff at Basingstoke Service Centre volunteered to replace them free of charge.

The work came after an incident on the evening of December 20 where a large section of lights had been pulled off the Christmas tree in Market Square.

Police confirmed they arrested a 20 year-old man from Hartley Wintney after the criminal damage.

Alan Stone and Rebecca Handley of the Business Improvement District scoured the town looking for replacement lights or spares.

Mrs Handley, deputy CEO of Basingstoke Together, said: "We needed to use commercial grade equipment which is not easy to obtain at short notice.

"The Christmas tree is a gift to the town, [so] it is a shame that some lawless elements in the Top of Town think this kind of damage is acceptable, I hope the police catch them."

Police confirmed the man has been released but remains under investigation.

If you can help with ongoing enquiries, contact 101 quoting 44170493304.

InBrief

Man assaulted on Christmas Eve

A 48-year-old man had to be taken to hospital after he was assaulted in Basingstoke on Christmas Eve.

Police are investigating the incident that is believed to have taken place in a wooded area off Cliddesden Road.

Just after 4.35pm on Sunday December 24, a man reported he had been assaulted.

It is believed the assault took place sometime between 3pm and 4.30pm that day.

The victim was taken to the North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke where he received treatment.

A 33-year-old man from Basingstoke was arrested in connection with the incident and has been released pending investigation.

If you can help, contact 101.

Man attacked on Christmas Day

A 25-year-old man had to have stitches after he was assaulted near a school in Basingstoke on Christmas Day.

Police are investigating the incident that took place between 11.15pm and 11.55pm as the victim walked along an alleyway that leads to Queen Mary Avenue, near The Vyne Community School.

The victim said two males, described as being black and wearing dark jackets, approached and asked him for tobacco.

He refused and started to walk away, but as he did so he was hit on the head.

The victim was later taken to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester where he received stitches for a head wound.

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Basingstones community comes to Basingstoke

BRIGHTLY-PAINTED stones and pebbles have taken the country by storm, and now Basingstoke has joined the craze.

Basingstones has already involved hundreds of people searching for stones painted and hidden around the borough for children and families to discover and share.

Hidden under benches, trees or in parks, the aim is to get people to be creative, share their photos and create a 'real sense of community'.

The idea was brought to Basingstoke by mother-of-two Rachel Brown who was told about the craze in Bournemouth with its Love On The Rocks campaign.

In the short time since setting up the group, residents have been sharing their photos on the Facebook group, with a new photo being uploaded almost on a daily basis.

Rachel said: "I am delighted with the brilliant response that Basingstones has received.

"Scrolling down our wonderful Facebook group page and seeing all the beautifully painted stones and happy faces of those who have found them, you can't help but smile and feel inspired.

"This shared interest has created a real sense of community.

"It's such a simple yet lovely idea. It's a great way to spend time together, get outdoors, be creative and spread some joy. Word is spreading, new people are joining the group all the time and more and more fantastic Basingstones are appearing around our town and parks etc.

"I hope everyone loves the concept as much we do, gets involved and has fun."

Jovi Rose and Mason have joined in the search for Basingstones

Decision to bring school sex education up to date backed

By Eva Astreinidou

BASINGSTOKE'S MP welcomed government plans to modernise relationship and sex education in schools for the first time in 17 years.

More than 30 MPs joined Maria Miller in campaigning to amend the Children and Social Work Act to make the lessons compulsory for all children for the first time.

The move followed the 2016 Women and Equalities Select committee report on sexual harassment in schools and research showing an alarming prevalence of sexting, viewing of online pornography among children and unwanted sexual touching at school.

Mrs Miller said 'we owe it' to children to give them the right tools to navigate an 'increasingly complex world'.

She said: "The world in which children grow up has changed dramatically over the past 17 years but guidance given to schools has stayed the same. Successive governments have not acted to keep this guidance relevant and it now predates the internet age which is totally unacceptable."

Following an increase in reports of sexual harassment worldwide in the last few months, Mrs Miller led a debate in November to further push for action to 'stamp out' the issue and ensure children are safe at school.

The debate followed a committee hearing in October in which schools' minister Nick Gibb confirmed current guidance does not state specifically that children who sexually abuse other children at school should not be put back in the same classroom.

Speaking last month, she said: "Parents have the ultimate responsibility in making sure their children understand the world in which we live and in particular what is a good and healthy relationship.

"But schools have a critical role to ensure every child gets the right information to make good decisions in an increasingly sexualised world.

"The internet has revolutionised our children's lives but they still need to be taught how to make the right decisions.

"The guidance given to schools on relationship and sex education needs to be up to date and reflect the modern challenges children face.

"Understanding issues of consent, the harmful effects of online pornography and sexting have to be part of any child's education.

"This new consultation will help make that happen."

Baby treated for injuries: man and woman arrested

TWO people were arrested after a baby girl was taken to hospital with unexplained injuries.

Police confirmed on December 20 they have launched an investigation following the incident in Poynings Crescent.

The child was taken to Basingstoke hospital, before being transferred to Southampton General Hospital for treatment to her injuries.

A 34-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman, both from Basingstoke, were arrested in connection with the investigation.

Both have since been released from custody but remain under investigation.

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Teenager admits causing danger on M3

From front page

stealing computer equipment in burglaries at top public school Winchester College between August 2016 and June 2017 and blackmailing the headmaster.

The court heard that he twice demanded payment of £10,000 in bitcoin from the school in order for him to stop carrying out burglaries.

The defendant also pleaded guilty to two charges of theft of items from Tesco stores on the days preceding the two motorway incidents.

Judge Keith Cutler ordered psychiatric reports to be prepared on the defendant who is being detained at a mental health hospital, before sentencing at Winchester Crown Court on March 2.

One of the incidents, on Saturday, September 23, led to police closing the M3 off for more than 11 hours.

Bomb disposal experts were called to investigate the "potentially hazardous material" that was thrown onto the carriageway from a motorway bridge between junctions 9 and 11.

In the earlier incident on the same bridge, police received reports of something being dropped on to the carriageway and that an object was alight, but when officers attended they found only broken glass and no fire.

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Skincare firm puts smiles on faces

ALL was merry and bright at Basingstoke Hospital as children were surprised with a delivery of goodies just in time for Christmas.

Childs Farm, a local skincare brand, completed its 3,800 mile tour of the country's hospitals last month, to cheer up those who couldn't be at home.

Upon completing their travels in a tinsel-clad Defender, the team had given gifts to 3,500 babies and children in 39 hospitals and hospices across the country, arriving at the final destination, the brand's hometown of Basingstoke.

On a mission to spread festive cheer, the Defender came armed with bags of moisturisers, colouring books and muslins.

Neonatal nurse Fiona Porro said the gifts brought delight and happiness to those on the ward in Basingstoke.

She said: "We really appreciate the gift, as this is obviously a very stressful time for parents, and children who are ill over the Christmas period. It's so nice to see that Santa has included the babies in the hospital in his deliveries. We just want to thank Childs Farm for thinking of us at this time of year, we really appreciate your generosity."

Childs Farm founder Joanna Jensen said: "We know of the incredible work happening at our local hospital, Basingstoke Hospital, so we were delighted to pay them a visit; if we can help to put smiles on the faces of staff, parents, babies and children, then our Christmas mission is accomplished."

Running 500 miles in honour of his partner

By Eva Astreinidou

RUNNING 500 miles is more than daunting for most of us, but not for a Basingstoke man who raised an impressive £8,500 in the process.

Danny Bates set himself the epic challenge at the beginning of 2017 in memory of his partner Rachel Walker.

He was inspired to clock up the miles to raise money for children and young people with cancer and honouring a time he and Rachel enjoyed the Proclaimers headlining at Cropredy Folk Festival, he decided to emulate their infamous 'I would walk 500 miles' lyric.

Finishing his 36th run in Portsmouth last month, he said running has helped him cope with the loss of his partner.

He said: "Rachel meant an incredible amount to me, our families and our friends. Together, we have accumulated many happy memories with Rachel, which is a testament to her loving, caring and witty character.

Danny Bates has run 500 miles over the past year for Rachel Walker

"Running this year has helped [me] recall memories of the many good times we had spent together. Many of my runs had been in places we'd created memories, whether it was during one of our walks around Alice Holt, day trips to Portsmouth, or hiring a beach hut in Bournemouth as part of Rachel's 'Make a Wish'.

"I consider myself fortunate to have met Rachel, and spent many fantastic years with both Rachel and her incredibly supportive family. We will be together with extended family on Boxing Day, remembering again our beautiful girl."

The funds raised will be for Teenage Cancer Trust and CLIC Sargent, which both supported Rachel, to help them improve their wards and support facilities.

Liz Blunt, local CLIC Sargent fundraising engagement manager, said: "What Danny has done is an amazing achievement and fantastic lasting tribute to Rachel. To think that Danny has run the equivalent of over 19 marathons this year is staggering.

"The money Danny has raised for CLIC Sargent, will make a significant difference in how we can support families at such a tough time in their lives."

To donate, visit https://tinyurl.com/yd4s8sd9.

Ganging together to put on great show

A BEST-SELLING theatre production by cubs and scouts will be back with a bang next month.

The Gang Show, a bi-annual variety show packed with song, dance and laughter is back at the Haymarket from February 8 to 17.

A cast of 70 cubs, scouts, guides, explorers and young leaders will take to the stage after months of rehearsals and costume making.

Chairman of Basingstoke gang show Steve Edney said: "Our aims are to nurture friendships, help build the confidence of the youngsters and present a showcase to people so that they want to take part and support the group."

Staging the show costs £65,000, which the group works hard to raise throughout the two years before each show. The production is entirely self-funded and managed by a team of 140 dedicated volunteers who help create the environment for the cast to flourish.

Last year, more than 3,000 people watched the show.

This year, the group is also staging a performance for people with special needs on February 12.

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Helping to make a real change

By Eva Astreinidou

WARM-HEARTED people of all ages served up cups of chocolate, staged a play and generously gave their time to help support those sleeping on the streets.

Schools and companies across Basingstoke and Deane have helped support the Real Change, Not Loose Change campaign, and have so far raised more than £11,600 of a £16,000 target.

The campaign, run by the Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) provides night shelter at local churches where homeless people can sleep in a bed, enjoy a hot meal and find support.

Donations will also pay for a third day of opening at the Camrose Centre and safe storage for rough sleepers' personal possessions.

In a bid to do their bit for the cause, children from Fairfields Primary School raised more than £120 by serving hot chocolate to parents and children.

The Year One to Six pupils wanted to do something positive to help and the school council decided a fundraising hot chocolate sale was the best idea as 'everybody likes chocolate'.

Deputy head Vicky Hopkins said: "We are very proud of the compassionate efforts made by our pupils and hope that their donation will help local homeless people this Christmas."

Fairfields Primary School children served hot chocolate to raise funds

Last month, Hampshire home-builder Vivid Homes donated £1,000 to the campaign.

Youngsters at Oakley Infant School also helped by raising £525 in donations from their nativity play.

Council engineer Shirley Keer organised a carol concert. The mum-of-two spent some time in her youth sleeping in freezing cold doorways and squats, not knowing where her next meal was coming from and reduced to begging for cash.

Cllr Terri Reid, chair of SIP and the deputy leader of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, said: "I encourage everyone to show their support by donating time, money or items, however small, as an alternative to giving directly to people on the streets."

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In good spirits 130 years on

A fifth-generation family-owned spirits business is celebrating 130 years of brewing.

Last month, William Grant & Sons, an independent company based in Hook, toasted to its past and the future.

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Managing director Neil Barker said: "At WG&S UK we are proud of our history, which has, together with our collective ambition and excellent people, propelled us to take the title of No.1 premium spirits supplier in the UK. Setting up shop in Hampshire has been hugely important for our business operations outside of Scotland, we are proud to call Hampshire our home."

The distillery has worked with world-renowned brands such as Glenfiddich, Hendrick's Gin, Drambuie, Reyka vodka and Grant's blended whisky.

Since putting down roots in the modern Bartley Wood Business Park development seven years ago, Mr Barker said the independent company has become an 'integral part of the community', with a portfolio of 144 employees.

Throughout the years, WG&S UK has also taken part in volunteering schemes for the likes of Naomi's House children's charity, local schools and has sponsored the Hook fun run for the past five years.

Employees at William Grant & Sons in the late 1880s

Closure order on house for three months

ENTRY into a house in Basingstoke is off limits for three months following reports of anti-social behaviour.

A closure order imposed by the police on a house at Oakridge Road, Oakridge, was approved on December 21 at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court.

The order, which lasts for three months, followed concerns around criminal and anti-social behaviour and means that it is a criminal offence for anyone to enter the property, unless authorised by the police.

Sergeant Trevor Taylor, from the Basingstoke Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "We've taken this step having received a number of reports in recent months from neighbours who were concerned about anti-social behaviour and disorder at this address.

"The activities of the occupants at this address has had a negative effect on quality of life on those living nearby.

"This order would not have been possible without the help and co-operation of the local community, so I would like to thank them for their support. I hope this order sends out the message that we will not tolerate anti-social behaviour, and we will use every available power to stop it."

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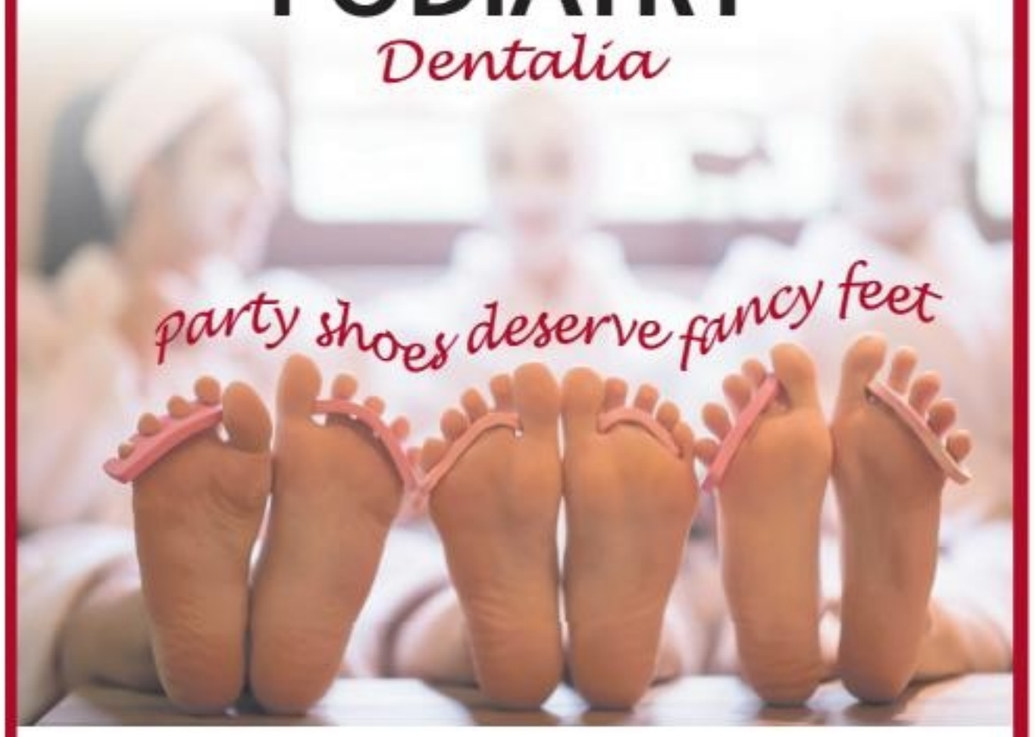

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From left, Perry Greenhalf from B&Q, Greenfingers project leader Stefan John, B&Q showroom manager Dave Burrows, Sam Scantlebury Rudd from B&Q and Greenfingers project leader Scott Cripps

New year, new garden for Greenfingers

A BASINGSTOKE charity has been treated to a new garden to start the new year.

Staff from B&Q in Basingstoke helped create a calming garden space for Greenfingers which supports those who need assistance gardening.

Store manager Dave Burnett and his colleagues spent two days overhauling the charity's garden to create a space people can enjoy.

A part of the Mencap group, the charity aims to provide a safe working environment to build skills and confidence for people with mental health issues and/or disabilities.

People involved have the chance to learn aspects of gardening from seed sowing to harvesting of produce and woodwork and craft activities.

Greenfingers project manager Stefan John said: "With gardening of such an importance to the people we support, we know this will mean a lot to them as well as our team and we look forward to see how our local community respond to it."

Mr Burnett said: "We take our role as a community store very seriously and wanted to show our appreciation for this very important local charity. We help our customers enjoy their gardens and we wanted to share this enjoyment with Greenfingers and all those who use their services."

B&Q Basingstoke also gave the products needed to build a new decking area, as well as a variety of plants.

Council tax rise would cover extra police cost

By Eva Astreinidou

RESIDENTS might have to pay extra to make sure there are enough police resources in Basingstoke and surrounding areas.

Hampshire is set to benefit from a national boost of £450million for police funding, as announced by central government last month.

But to support the police force longer-term, residents could be asked to pay more in their council tax.

Basingstoke's MP welcomed the £450m announcement, while Police and Crime Commissioner Michael Lane said the plan means good progress, but warned it is 'not the end of the journey'.

Following the announcement in the House of Commons by policing minister Nick Hurd, Maria Miller said the funding package will make sure the police have the resources they need to 'keep us safe'.

She added: "I underlined to the Minister the need to ensure that frontline policing continues to get the funding it needs, and he confirmed to me that the local Police and Crime Commissioner has the flexibility to determine how resources are allocated in their local area."

The funding package will mean that grants to police forces in cash terms will be protected and will give locally elected police and crime commissioners the flexibility to raise precept contributions by up to £12 per year, or £1 a month, for a typical household.

Together, this will mean force budgets will increase by up to £270million nationally.

At a national level £130million extra will be provided for special grants to help forces meet 'unexpected costs'.

Mr Lane said: "I welcome the recognition of the challenges and pressures and will continue to press for innovation and change for the future.

"What this means is that the sum of money we had in 2017-18 will be the same sum, not a reducing sum.

"But that by itself is not enough, there are other measures too, that will need to be taken.

"I'm delighted the Minister has recognised the need for flexibility in the precept local tax setting powers that a Police and Crime Commissioner should have."

Addressing the public, he said: "If that is something that I would wish to exercise on your behalf, and you would wish me to exercise to maintain and restore policing in certain areas to the levels that you are asking for."

A consultation on the funding proposal is open to the public. To have your say on local policing funding, visit www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/budget.

InBrief

Cars damaged

TWO cars parked outside a Basingstoke court were damaged on Christmas Eve.

Police asked motorists who may have driven along New Road to check their dash cam footage for any information following the incident.

Two cars were damaged outside Basingstoke Magistrates' Court sometime between 12.15am and 12.25am on December 24.

If you can help, contact 101.

Valuables stolen

JEWELLERY, a laptop and £5,000 in cash were stolen from a house in Basingstoke.

Police are appealing for information after the incident in the area of Fairfields Road sometime between 8.30am and 6.30pm on December 23.

Offender(s) broke into the house via a back door and made an untidy search of two bedrooms.

Items stolen include the cash, a silver-coloured Sony Vaio laptop, three white gold chains, Diesel perfume, purses and designer scarves.

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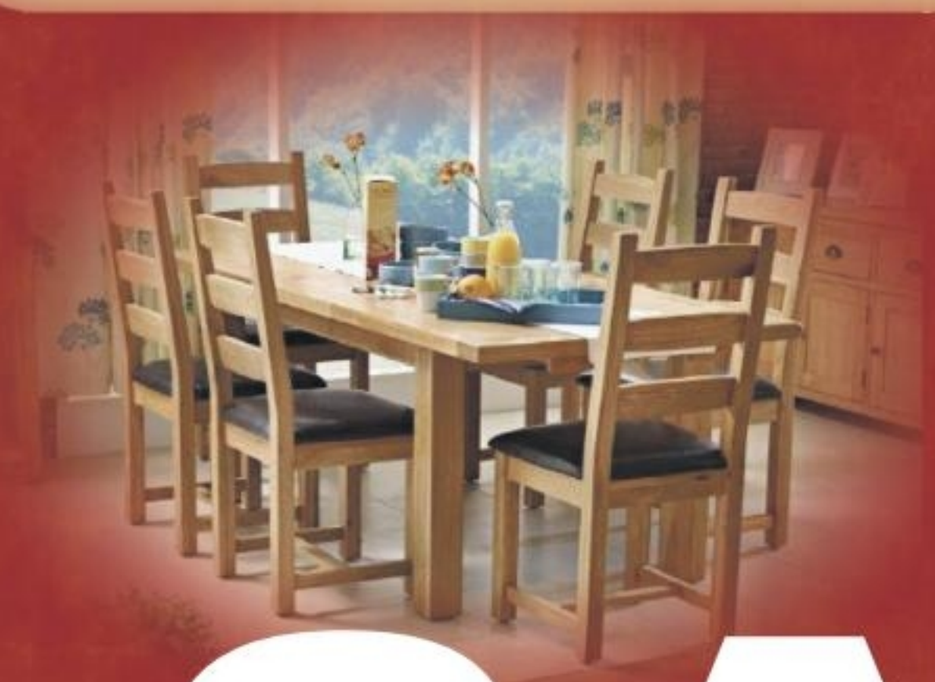

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Honoured for acts of bravery

By Eva Astreinidou

INSPIRING tales of bravery from Hampshire police and members of the public were celebrated at an awards ceremony last month.

The county's Chief Constable's Awards ceremony took place in Netley, recognising those who have shown great courage and goodwill to those most in need.

Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney said: "It has been humbling to hear so many examples of how our officers and members of the public have shown such compassion to those in desperate need.

"Without hesitation they made sure they did everything they could to save lives, sometimes putting themselves in danger by doing so."

During the ceremony, the chief constable presented the Congratulations awards to PC Kristin McMahon, who worked on a long-running investigation into child sex offences.

After a lengthy investigation led by PC McMahon, Andrew Garvey, of Farnham, pleaded guilty and was jailed for five years in October 2016.

The Royal Humane Society awards were awarded to PC Neal Skinner, Sgt Andrew Laverick, PC Steven Males, PC Trevor Peckham and PC Helen Dowling.

While on shift, PC Skinner had jumped off Langstone Bridge into icy cold waters after a man fell in.

Joined by Sgt Laverick, the two officers had tried their best to persuade the man to come down from the railings.

PCs Males, Peckham and Dowling were also commended for taking swift action, by forcing entry into a man's house who was found hanging from the stairway.

The man regained consciousness and they gave first aid until paramedics arrived and took him to hospital.

From left, Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney, Lt Col Andrew Chapman secretary of the Royal Humane Society, Christopher Rice and Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire Nigel Atkinson

Members of the public also took vital steps to help others in life or death situations - Christopher Rice was one of many.

While driving along the M3, at junction 12 northbound, in June 2016, Mr Rice pulled over when he noticed a man sat on the wrong side of the railings on the overpass.

He proceeded to climb over the barrier and sat next to the distressed man, who said that he wanted to end his life.

Mr Rice spent time talking to the young man and eventually persuaded him to move to the other side of the barrier, where they waited for police.

Ark to Arc challenge is a triomphe for Josh

A CYCLIST who helped raise £82,000 while completing an epic bike ride from Basingstoke to Paris has been shortlisted for a special award.

Josh Lewis, a tax advisor at local firm RSM, took part in the Ark to Arc bike ride from Basingstoke to the Arc de Triomphe earlier this year.

Now, he has been nominated for the firm's responsible citizen award.

His efforts helped the Ark to Arc team raise an impressive amount for the Ark Cancer Centre Charity, which is trying to raise £5m for a new cancer treatment centre to be built by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in north Hampshire.

Josh said: "I loved doing the challenge and raising money, and I am very grateful to my friends and colleagues from RSM for all their support. I'm also very proud and humbled to have been nominated for this award. I would like to continue fundraising next year, perhaps taking on something even more challenging."

As a result of the nomination, Josh received a further £1,000 to donate to the charity of his choice.

He has chosen to give £500 to the Ark Cancer Centre Charity and £500 to Bike4Cancer, a specialist cancer respite charity with a sporting focus.

Mike Blain, office managing partner at RSM in Basingstoke said Josh's nomination "is richly deserved".

Join Mayor at special events

THE Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane is inviting residents to join him for a number of special events in the new year.

On January 27, Councillor Paul Frankum is hosting the annual Holocaust memorial day service at the War Memorial, beginning with a one minute's silence at 10am.

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 is The Power of Words, encouraging people to think about how language can be a source for both good and bad.

The Mayor will also host a charity quiz night at Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT) in Worting Road on February 2 from 7pm.

Quiz rounds will include music, sport and television, with a cash prize for the winners.

On February 26 and 27, the Mayor will host a celebration tea party, again at BCoT, for married couples celebrating their golden and diamond anniversary.

All eligible couples are invited to get in touch by January 31 to make sure they receive an invitation.

The cost is £10 per person and all married couples whose golden or diamond anniversary falls between 12 May 2017 and 10 May 2018 are eligible.

On March 3, the Mayor is inviting people to join him at the spring charity concert in an evening of sci-fi inspired music, song and dance performed by local youngsters at The Anvil.

For more information, visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/mayor.

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Government changes will reignite the property market

By Romans Group

Government changes will reignite the property market, putting buyers back in the driving seat

Our prediction for this year is that the market will remain steady, confidence in it will increase and many of those who had put moving on hold in 2017 will choose to move in 2018 recognising that putting their lives and moves on hold benefits no one.

Antony Gibson, Managing Director of Sales at Romans says: "Buyers now have more information at their fingertips than ever before and affordability has been limited due to stricter mortgage lending criteria, the prospect of increasing interest rates and inflation growing faster than wages. Sellers, whilst able to set asking prices, will better recognise that buyers and their limited affordability will be a big factor in determining the final property sale price.

"The government's announcement that first time buyers will be exempt from paying Stamp Duty, is not only great news for first time buyers, but also the housing market in general. More activity at the lower end of the housing market is a benefit to everyone as the increased confidence will filter up. Those looking to take their second step up the property ladder will now benefit from more prospective buyers and new homes developments are also likely to see more interest."

James Linder, Sales Manager in Basingstoke explains "Over the last two years, house prices in Basingstoke have increased by 24%.

"Anyone thinking of moving should not be put off by the comments in the media. The regeneration of Festival Place along with the new homes developments coming to the area, are already attracting interest from both first time buyers and investors which will give the market a boost.

"Buyers understand value, and so correctly priced homes are continuing to sell quickly. High on the wish list for home hunters, are homes with parking spaces - particularly in the town centre, outdoor space, and no onward chain."

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

A masterclass in the musicals

By Josh Cox

From left, Rebecca Vere, David Fawcett, Katie Leeming and Andy Reiss.

BEYOND the Barricade has delighted audiences throughout the UK and mainland Europe for more than a decade with their exciting portrayal of the greatest songs in musical theatre.

Now touring the UK yet again, the group will be stopping off at The Anvil later this month.

Starring Andy Reiss, David Fawcett, Katie Leeming and Rebecca Vere, their show is packed with songs from The Phantom of the Opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, Les Misérables, The Lion King, Blood Brothers and many more.

The four have an extensive background in theatre and musicals which adds to their passion to perform to a live audience.

David Fawcett spent two years in the West End production of Les Miserables where he played Brujon, the Bishop of Digne and the leading role of Jean Valjean on many occasions, having previously spent 13 months in the original Manchester production of the show.

Rebecca Vere's acting credits include Bat Boy, South Pacific and Hair, all in the West End.

Andy Reiss played in various rock bands, including Black Ice and notably opera, but treading the boards with his local society in the lead role of Billy in Carousel led him to a career in musical theatre.

Katie Leeming spent three years in the West End playing various roles, including Eponine in Les Miserables, Florinda in La Cava and Izz Huet in Tess of the D'Urbervilles.

They are backed on stage by a band consisting of drums, brass and keyboards and together, carefully recreate the sounds from your favourite musicals. The songs are broken up by introductions to the musicals.

Beyond the Barricade will be coming to The Anvil on Thursday January 25 at 7.30pm. Tickets to the show cost £25, with group discounts available.

For more information or to book, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Climb Basingstalk

PANTOMIME: See Hampshire Hospital's consultants, doctors, nurses and other hospital employees take to the stage once again in the show that promises to be full of magic beans and laughter.

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Swing kings

MUSIC: The 6-5 Jive are hosting an evening of rock 'n' roll this Saturday, at The Wellington Social Club in Basingstoke.

The band Blazin' Aces will be playing followed by DJ Stompin' Steve afterwards blasting out the latest tunes and taking requests.

Tickets cost £10 on the door. The doors open from 7pm.

Symphony of sound

MUSIC: Matthew Halls will be conducting the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) at The Anvil on January 18 at 7.45pm.

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Comedy veteran back on the road

Antidote to politically correct world

By Josh Cox

JIM Davidson is set to tour the UK this year with a brand new show, On The Road Again and he stops off at The Anvil later this month.

Billed as the antidote to this 'politically correct' world we now live in, the evening is lined up to be as outrageous and as truthful as ever.

Jim started his career just over 40 years ago when he won New Faces in 1976. Since then he has toured the UK many times and hosted and presented a range of TV shows including Big Break and The Generation Game, as the successor of Bruce Forsyth.

Davidson's comedic style has been described as "boy does Jim know how to deliver his gospel... The audience could have stayed all night... He speaks with rare honesty" by the Daily Express.

As well as being a famous comedian and TV entertainer, Jim has also appeared in the UK chart under his own name with White Christmas and Too Risky which peaked at Number 52 in December 1980 and has developed several adult pantomime shows such as Boobs in the Wood and Sinderella.

He won the 'funniest man on television' award from TV Times for his own show The Jim Davidson Show (1979–1982) which ran for five complete series and was a nominee for Most Popular Entertainment Presenter in the 2000 National Television Awards.

He is also well known for his support of the Armed Forces, having played to them all over the world.

Jim Davidson will be bringing his hilarious new show, On The Road Again to The Anvil on Friday January 19 at 7.30pm.

Tickets to the show cost £24.50, which includes a £2 booking fee. The show is suitable for ages 16 and over as it carries adult themes.

For more information or to book tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

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Highway to hell

MUSIC: An evening celebrating the music of AC/DC and Thin Lizzy can be enjoyed at The Cricketers in Baughurst on January 13 from 9pm.

Syn City Rockers, a heavy rock five piece group will be covering the two bands' greatest hits over the decades.

Music, laughter and nostalgia

MUSIC: The highly acclaimed rock 'n' roll production, That'll Be The Day will feature at The Anvil on Friday 26 Jan at 7.30pm.

The show is a celebration of the golden era of popular music spanning the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, plus some comic sketches, all performed live on stage.

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11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm Celebrity Mastermind
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm DIY SOS The Big Build
9.00pm Death in Paradise
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Mrs. Brown's Boys
11.15pm New Tricks
12.15am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.20am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

TOP TV

3.15pm Penguins - Spy in the Huddle

MORNING

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am BBC Newsroom Live
11.00am Westminster Abbey

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Coast
12.10pm Lucky Jim
1.45pm The Wonder of Animals
2.15pm Operation Wild
3.15pm Penguins - Spy in the Huddle
4.15pm Planet Earth II
5.15pm Flog It!

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6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track
7.30pm Christmas University Challenge 2017
8.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
9.00pm A House Through Time
10.00pm Live at the Apollo
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Robot Wars Special
12.15am Blue Planet II
1.45am Employable Me

ITV

TOP TV

2.00pm Midsomer Murders

MORNING

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Midsomer Murders
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

EVENING

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Tonight
8.00pm Emmerdale
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Great Art
11.45pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards
12.10am Jackpot247
3.00am Tonight
3.25am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

TOP TV

6.00pm The Simpsons

MORNING

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

EVENING

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Food Unwrapped Diet Special
9.00pm Hunted
10.00pm Derry Girls
10.30pm 20 Kids and Counting
11.35pm 24 Hours in A and E
12.40am The Supervet
1.35am The Secret Life of the Zoo
2.30am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
3.20am Word of the Year
4.15am Location, Location, Location

Channel 5

TOP TV

1.30pm The 19th Wife

MORNING

9.05am Mofy
9.15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
9.45am The Unbeatables
11.00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11.25am Access
11.30am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

AFTERNOON

12.30pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.35pm The Hotel Inspector
1.30pm The 19th Wife
3.20pm Deadly Stage Fright
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.35pm Barging Loving Celebs

EVENING

6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Baby Ballroom
8.00pm Big Family Values: More Kids Than Cash
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Celebrity 100% Hotter!
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.05am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS
5.35am Chinese Food in Minutes

Friday January 5th

BBC 1

TOP TV

10.35pm Graham Norton's Good Guest Guide

MORNING

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm Celebrity Mastermind
7.30pm Match of the Day Live
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.25pm Regional News and Weather
10.35pm Graham Norton's Good Guest Guide
11.25pm Enterprice
11.50pm Shanghai Noon
1.35am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.40am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

TOP TV

2.15pm Dolphins: Spy in the Pod

MORNING

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am BBC Newsroom Live
11.00am Westminster in Review

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Coast
12.10pm The Triple Cross
2.15pm Dolphins: Spy in the Pod
4.15pm Planet Earth II
5.15pm Antiques Road Trip

EVENING

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Natural World
8.00pm Mastermind
8.30pm Christmas University Challenge 2017
9.00pm Rome Unpacked
10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm Deep Water
12.55am Darcey Bussell: Looking for Fred Astaire
1.55am Judi Dench: My Passion for Trees

ITV

TOP TV

8.00pm River Monsters

MORNING

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Midsomer Murders
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

EVENING

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm River Monsters
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.40pm Guess the Star
11.40pm Take Me Out
12.30am Jackpot247
3.00am Alphabetical

Channel 4

TOP TV

3.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo

MORNING

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
4.00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

EVENING

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
9.00pm The Beatles
11.10pm The Bourne Legacy
1.40am Piranha 3DD
3.05am Prince
4.00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
4.50am Location, Location, Location
5.45am Kirstie's Vintage Gems
6.05am Triathlon

Channel 5

TOP TV

8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity

MORNING

9.05am Mofy
9.15am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
9.40am Igor
11.15am Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud
11.45am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

AFTERNOON

12.40pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.45pm The Hotel Inspector
1.35pm Family Secrets
3.20pm Deadly Paradise
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.35pm Barging Loving Celebs

EVENING

6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.30pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

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MONDAY

Kempshott
Basingstoke Rugby Club
Pack Lane
9.00am, 11.00am and 1.00pm
Tel: Pat 07500 780553
Kids Corner - Children Welcome

Kempshott
Basingstoke Rugby Club
Pack Lane
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Pat 07500 780553

Oakridge Village
Oakridge Hall for All
Forsythia Walk
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Lynn 07391 138672

TUESDAY

Town Centre
Carnival Hall
Council Road
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Nikki 0779 5515235

Winklebury
Fort Hill Community School
Kenilworth Road
7:30pm
Tel: Tina 07810 147400

South Ham
Westside Community Centre
Paddock Road
5.30 & 7.30pm
Tel: Kirsty 07843 276953

Overton
St Lukes Hall, Winchester Street
5.30pm
Tel: Lynn 07885 765341

WEDNESDAY

Kingsclere
Fieldgate Centre,
Field Gate Drive
5.30pm & 7.30pm
Tel: Lynn 07885 765341

Viables
Viables Craft Ctr, The Barn
The Harrow Way
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Jo 07515 719190

Popley
Melrose Hall, Abbey Road
9.00am & 11.00am
Tel: Jo 07515 719190
Kids Welcome

Popley
Melrose Hall, Abbey Road
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Julia 07528 131797

THURSDAY

Chineham
Chineham Village Hall
11.30am
Tel: Faith 07966 933994
Children Welcome

Chineham
Chineham Village Hall
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Faith 07966 933994

Brighton Hill
Hatch Warren Infant School,
Gershwin Road
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Nikki 07795 515235

Oakley
Oakley C of E Junior School
5.30pm and 7.30pm
Tel: Karen 07483 951851

FRIDAY

Tadley
Ambrose Allen Centre,
Franklin Avenue
9.30am
Tel: Jill 07769 201106

SATURDAY

Oakridge Village
Oakridge Hall for All
Forsythia Walk
7.30am and 9.30am
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Saturday January 6th

BBC 1

TOP TV

3.00pm Money for Nothing

MORNING

10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

AFTERNOON

12.00pm BBC News
12.15pm Football Focus
12.45pm Match of the Day Live
3.00pm Money for Nothing
4.00pm Final Score
5.10pm Celebrity Mastermind
5.40pm BBC News
5.50pm Regional News and Weather

EVENING

6.00pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief
6.40pm Pointless
7.25pm Wedding Day Winners
8.30pm Casualty
9.20pm BBC News
9.35pm Hard Sun
10.30pm Match of the Day Live - FA Cup
12.05am The NFL Show
12.35am The Resident
2.00am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.05am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

TOP TV

12.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure

MORNING

7.30am Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch
8.00am The Dengineers
8.30am Deadly Top 10
9.00am World's Sneakiest Animals
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Pets: Wild at Heart

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
1.00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble
2.00pm Rome Unpacked
3.00pm The Letter
4.30pm Natural World
5.15pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5.45pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

EVENING

6.15pm Hugh's Wild West
7.15pm A House Through Time
8.15pm Dad's Army
8.45pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.15pm Feud: Bette and Joan
10.00pm Feud: Bette and Joan
11.00pm Live at the Apollo
11.45pm QI XL
12.30am Later... with Jools Holland 25th Birthday Show
2.30am This is BBC Two
6.20am Coast

ITV

TOP TV

9.50pm Spectre

MORNING

8.10am The Powerpuff Girls
8.30am Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! Mystery 101
9.05am Wishfart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.30am The Hungry Sailors

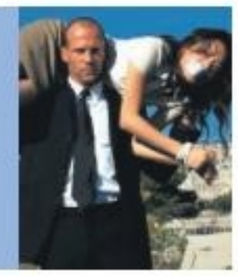
AFTERNOON

12.30pm ITV News
12.40pm Endeavour
2.40pm The Greatest TV Moments of All Time
4.35pm ITV News London
4.45pm ITV News
4.55pm The Chase: Celebrity Special

EVENING

6.00pm Catchphrase
7.00pm Take Me Out
8.00pm The Voice UK
9.35pm ITV News
9.50pm Spectre
12.30am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.20am Bottom Knocker Street
6.35am Dino Dana
6.50am Super 4

Channel 4



TOP TV

11.40pm The Transporter

MORNING

7.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
7.50am Frasier
9.25am The Big Bang Theory
10.50am The Simpsons
11.45am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

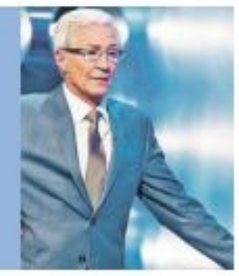
AFTERNOON

12.45pm Darts
5.30pm A Place in the Sun

EVENING

6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Spying on the Royals
8.00pm Princess Diana's 'Wicked' Stepmother
9.00pm The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2
11.40pm The Transporter
1.25am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2.15am Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.00am Location, Location, Location
4.55am Coast v Country
5.50am Four in a Bed
6.15am King of Queens

Channel 5



TOP TV

8.00pm Blind Date

MORNING

9.25am Digby Dragon
9.35am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.10am Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
10.40am Christmas Cruising with Jane McDonald
11.40am West Side Story

AFTERNOON

2.30pm The Hundred-Foot Journey
3.30pm 5 News
3.35pm The Hundred-Foot Journey
4.55pm 5 News Weekend
5.00pm Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud

EVENING

6.00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
8.00pm Blind Date
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Worst Celebrity Pop Songs Ever
11.45pm Lip Sync Battle UK
12.15am Super Casino
3.10am Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
4.00am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Sunday January 7th

BBC 1

TOP TV

1.15pm Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out

MORNING

7.30am Match of the Day Live - FA Cup
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Homes Under the Hammer

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out
1.40pm Match of the Day Live
4.00pm Escape to the Country
4.30pm Songs of Praise
5.05pm Antiques Roadshow

EVENING

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather
6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Still Open All Hours
8.00pm Attenborough and the Sea Dragon
9.00pm McMafia
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm Regional News and Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day Live - FA Cup
11.30pm The Women's Football Show
12.05am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.10am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

TOP TV

2.50pm Ladies in Lavender

MORNING

8.05am Gardeners' World
8.35am Greatest Gardens
9.05am Countryfile
10.00am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.30am Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Food and Drink
12.30pm The A to Z of TV Cooking
12.40pm Natural World
1.40pm Money for Nothing
2.10pm Talking Pictures
2.50pm Ladies in Lavender
4.30pm Flog It!
5.15pm Ski Sunday

EVENING

6.00pm The Real T rex with Chris Packham
7.00pm Robot Wars Special
8.00pm Dragons' Den
9.00pm Michael Palin: A Life on Screen
10.00pm And Now for Something Completely Different
11.25pm Strictly Ballroom
1.00am Countryfile
1.55am Holby City
2.55am This is BBC Two
6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets
6.30am The Farmers' Country Showdown

ITV

TOP TV

10.10pm Captain Phillips

MORNING

8.30am Spy School
9.05am Wishfart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am River Monsters
9.55am The Voice UK
11.30am Tipping Point

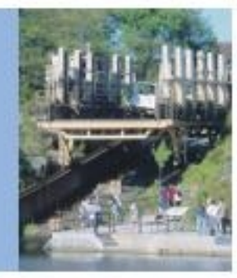
AFTERNOON

12.30pm ITV News
12.40pm A Right Royal Quiz
1.40pm The Big Soap Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale
2.45pm Catchphrase
3.45pm ITV News London
4.00pm ITV News
4.10pm Happy Feet Two

EVENING

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.00pm Vera
10.00pm ITV News
10.10pm Captain Phillips
12.35am Great Art
1.30am Jackpot247
3.00am Sunday Night at the Palladium
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4



TOP TV

8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World

MORNING

7.05am King of Queens
7.30am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.25am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Darts
5.30pm The Great Festive Bake Off

EVENING

6.45pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm The World's Wildest Weather
8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World
9.00pm SAS: Who Dares Wins
10.00pm The Sweeney
12.10am Moonrise Kingdom
1.55am Grand Designs
2.50am Location, Location, Location
3.45am KOTV Boxing Weekly
4.15am Coast v Country
5.10am Four in a Bed
5.35am Countdown
6.20am 3rd Rock from the Sun

Channel 5

TOP TV

4.15pm The Love Punch

MORNING

9.10am Shimmer and Shine
9.25am Digby Dragon
9.40am Peppa Pig
9.45am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.20am Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
10.40am Groundhog Day

AFTERNOON

12.40pm Practical Magic
2.40pm Will and Grace
3.10pm Blind Date
4.15pm The Love Punch

EVENING

6.00pm The Two Ronnies
8.00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Hot Pursuit
11.00pm 5 News
11.05pm Hot Pursuit
11.50pm One Night with My Ex
12.50am Lip Sync Battle UK
1.15am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Now That's Funny!
4.45am House Doctor

Monday January 8th

BBC 1

TOP TV

4.30pm Antiques Road Trip

MORNING

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm An Inside Out Special
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Panorama
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Have I Got Old News for You
11.15pm Miriam's Big American Adventure
12.15am Graham Norton's Good Guest Guide

BBC 2

11.15pm Robot Wars Special

MORNING

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Antiques Roadshow
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

AFTERNOON

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Coast
1.15pm Brazil with Michael Palin
2.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin
3.15pm The Great British Winter
4.15pm Planet Earth II
5.15pm Flog It!

EVENING

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Match of the Day
7.30pm Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track
8.00pm Only Connect
8.30pm University Challenge
9.00pm Surgeons
10.00pm Insert Name Here
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Robot Wars Special
12.15am Natural World
1.15am Joe Orton Laid Bare
2.35am This is BBC Two

ITV

8.00pm Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury

MORNING

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

EVENING

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Next of Kin
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.40pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories
11.40pm Killer Women with Piers Morgan
12.35am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel 4

11.05pm Derry Girls

MORNING

7.05am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Darts
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

EVENING

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm How to Lose Weight Well
9.00pm The Undateables
10.00pm First Dates Hotel
11.05pm Derry Girls
11.40pm Hunted
12.40am SAS: Who Dares Wins
1.40am Flat Pack Mansions
2.35am Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge
3.30am Coast v Country
4.25am Location, Location, Location

Channel 5

7.00pm Car Crash TV

MORNING

8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

AFTERNOON

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Killer Mom
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

EVENING

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Car Crash TV
8.00pm Police Interceptors
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Not So Sweet Sixteen
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.05am Celebrity Botched Up Bodies
1.00am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Now That's Funny!
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Tuesday January 9th

BBC 1

TOP TV

7.00pm The One Show

MORNING

9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am Close Calls: On Camera

AFTERNOON

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm I Escaped to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

EVENING

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Holby City
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Canvey: The Promised Island
11.25pm An Inside Out Special
11.55pm Stacey Dooley Investigates
12.55am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.00am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

2.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin

MORNING

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

AFTERNOON

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Coast
1.15pm Brazil with Michael Palin
2.15pm Himalaya with Michael Palin
3.15pm The Great British Winter
4.15pm Planet Earth II
5.15pm Flog It!

EVENING

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico
8.00pm Inside the Factory
9.00pm House of Saud: A Family at War
10.00pm Inside No 9
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm NFL
12.05am Surgeons
1.05am The Real Marigold on Tour
2.05am Miriam's Big American Adventure
3.05am This is BBC Two
6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets

ITV

8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show Live

MORNING

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

AFTERNOON

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

EVENING

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Save Money: Good Food
8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show Live
9.00pm School for Stammerers
10.30pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
11.00pm ITV News London
11.15pm Girlfriends
12.15am Tonight at the London Palladium
1.05am Jackpot247
3.00am Loose Women
3.45am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

9.00pm 24 Hours in A and E

MORNING

7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.35am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

AFTERNOON

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Darts
5.00pm Come Dine with Me

EVENING

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
9.00pm 24 Hours in A and E
10.00pm Working Class White Men
11.00pm Naked Attraction
12.05am How to Lose Weight Well
1.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1.55am Warship
2.55am Rivers with Jeremy Paxman
3.50am Grand Designs
4.45am Location, Location, Location

Channel 5

2.15pm NCIS

MORNING

8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

AFTERNOON

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Eyewitness
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

EVENING

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
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10.35pm One Night with My Ex
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12.35am Celebrity Big Brother
1.05am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Now That's Funny!

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CROSS CODE

17	26	21	13	2	16	22	16	19	■	11	12	18
22	■	18	■	11	■	16	■	22	■	9	■	2
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 O	13
14	15	16 N	17	18	19	20 L	21	22	23	24	25	26

Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

CEASES TO HAVE THEM

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.

Quiz Challenge

1. Which two words begin the titles of all four of Stieg Larsson's Millennium books?
2. Who, in 1997, was the last French player to reach the men's singles final at Wimbledon?
3. Beginning life in 1863, with which fashion product would you associate Dolcis?
4. The river Ganges flows through India and which other country?
5. At which British film and television studio would you find the Albert R. Broccoli 007 Stage?
6. Which batsman played a record 164 Test matches for the West Indies?
7. Which religious leader used to give Llasa Apso dogs as gifts?
8. In the first verse of John Betjemin's poem Slough, what six-word line follows 'Come friendly bombs and fall on Slough'?
9. Which football manager appeared in Celebrity Big Brother 12 when Charlotte Crosby emerged as the winner?
10. In which E.M. Forster novel does an English tourist accuse a doctor of attacking her?

NONAGRAM

L	R	L
A	G	E
Y	E	N

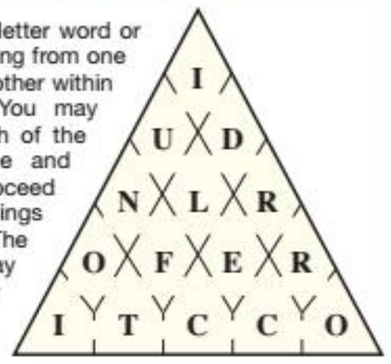
How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
31 Good; 37 Very Good; 43 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

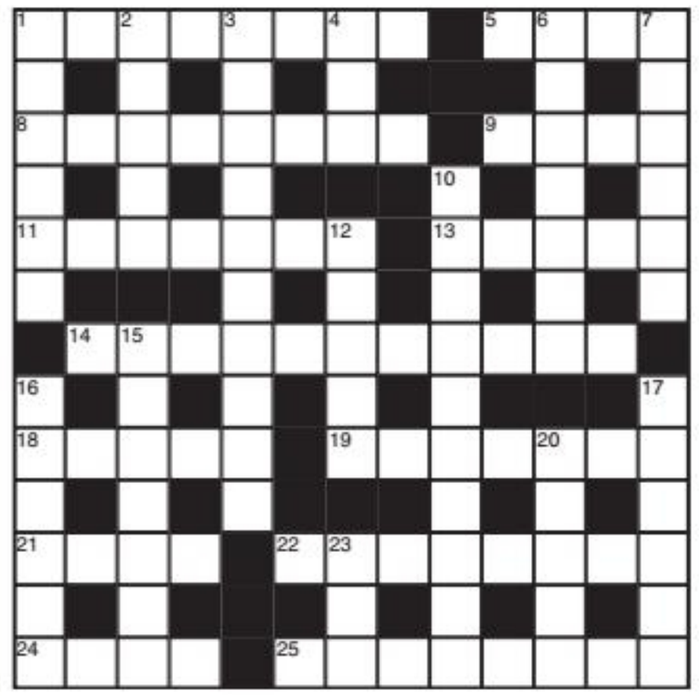


FIVE ALIVE

CL	IA	LP	AO	NC
OI	■	AL	■	YA
AS	CL	RA	UR	BM
TC	■	GI	■	IP
SH	UT	TE	RC	HN

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Imitate a mule, it's frisky (8)
5. Agreement made by lady going round cold (4)
8. Almost late in finding a bone in a heap (8)
9. Tiny article to appear in the morning (4)
11. Renegade with carriage used for catching vermin (3,4)
13. Write a letter (disciplinary) (5)
14. Being so emotional it drove one mad (11)
18. One who is unsuccessful in new roles (5)
19. Lads can upset with malicious gossip (7)
21. Can have nothing more in Ireland (4)
22. Tear drop troubled killer animal (8)
24. Double act no longer seen (4)
25. Submitted an account after plastering? (8)

DOWN

1. Ambrose, having suffered a loss, is terribly melancholy (6)
2. Deserve an order (5)
3. Room for party rhetoric (10)
4. Large cask crazy person overturned (3)
6. Feeler Anne put out after a worker (7)
7. Former archbishop's place of worship (6)
10. Generous when one has lost one's grip? (4-6)
12. Gets water out of shoes (5)
15. Tried to replant seed, say (7)
16. Censured for being left with morning in bed (6)
17. Old king becomes left-hander then quits (6)
20. Half determined to hinder (5)
23. Whisky or port (3)

SUDOKU

Easy Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. **Hard**

	3		8		7	6	1	
7							9	4
8		4	9	6		3	7	5
3			7		1	5		
6			4	3	5			
	2	1					3	
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			2	4	6			
		7	1					2
	4	1		9				6

EQUALISER

7 9
9 ○ 5 ○ 2
4 3
4 ○ 3 ○ 2
2 2

Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same.

Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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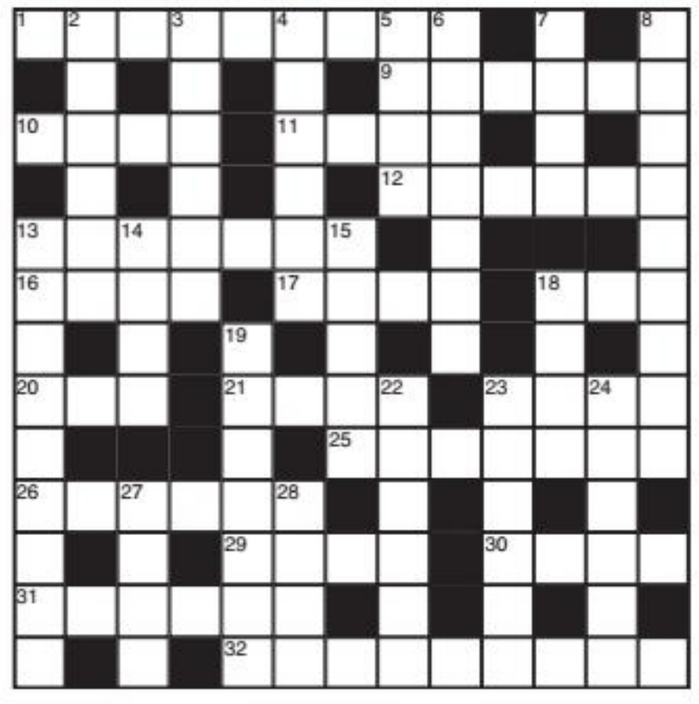

ACROSS

1. Building designer (9)
9. Cosmetic liquid (6)
10. Wading bird (4)
11. Miserly (4)
12. Type of tree (6)
13. Clerical cap (7)
16. Religious image (4)
17. Large sea-fish (4)
18. Relatives (3)
20. Alcoholic spirit (3)
21. Calf's flesh (4)
23. Bridge (4)
25. Peewit (7)
26. Become visible (6)
29. Bound (4)
30. Money owing (4)
31. Car converted for speed (3,3)
32. Preparedness (9)

DOWN

2. Guiding rule (6)
3. Rush along (6)
4. Salad ingredient (6)
5. Bird's foot (4)
6. This evening (7)
7. Brook (4)
8. Interweaving (9)
13. Life story (9)
14. Dappled horse (4)
15. Dismay (5)
18. Military cap (4)
19. Airman (7)
22. Came ashore (6)
23. Scandinavian country (6)
24. Son of Osiris (6)
27. Top of the head (4)
28. Fairground attraction (4)

SOLUTIONS

QUIZ CHALLENGE: 1 The Girl...; 2 Cedric Pioline; 3 Shoes; 4 Bangladesh; 5 Pinewood Studios; 6 Shivnarine Chanderpaul; 7 The Dalai Lama; 8 'It isn't fit for humans now'; 9 Ron Atkinson; 10 A Passage to India.

CROSS CODE

1 Z	2 E	3 D	4 K	5 Q	6 P	7 B	8 U	9 R	10 V	11 C	12 O	13 T	14 Y	15 M	16 N	17 F	18 W	19 G	20 L	21 S	22 I	23 X	24 J	25 H	26 A

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD:

Across – 1 Simulate; 5 Pact; 8 Monbiund; 9 Atom; 11 Rat trap; 13 Penal; 14 Sentimental; 18 Loser; 19 Scandal; 21 Mayo; 22 Predator; 24 Dodo; 25 Rendered.

Down – 1 Sombre; 2 Merit; 3 Laboratory; 4 Tun; 6 Antenna; 7 Tample; 10 Open-handed; 12 Pumps; 15 Essayed; 16 Blamed; 17 Alfred; 20 Deter; 23 Rye.

QUICK CROSSWORD:

Across – 1 Architect; 9 Lotion; 10 Ibis; 11 Mean; 12 Willow; 13 Biretta; 16 Icon; 17 Open; 18 Kin; 20 Gin; 21 Veal; 23 Span; 25 Lapwing; 26 Appear; 29 Tied; 30 Debt; 31 Hot rod; 32 Readiness.

Down – 2 Rubric; 3 Haste; 4 Tomato; 5 Claw; 6 Tonight; 7 Rill; 8 Entwining; 13 Biography; 14 Roan; 15 Appal; 18 Kept; 19 Aviator; 22 Landed; 23 Sweden; 24 Anubis; 27 Pate; 28 Ride.

MAGIC SQUARE:

C	E	A	S
E	S	T	O
H	A	V	E
T	H	E	M

WORD PYRAMID: Correction fluid.

EQUALISER: Clockwise from top left – subtract; add; divide; multiply. Total: 6.

EASY SUDOKU

9	3	5	8	4	7	6	1	2
7	6	2	5	1	3	8	9	4
8	1	4	9	6	2	3	7	5
3	4	9	7	2	1	5	8	6
6	8	7	4	3	5	9	2	1
5	2	1	6	8	9	4	3	7
2	5	8	3	7	4	1	6	9
4	7	6	1	9	8	2	5	3
1	9	3	2	5	6	7	4	8

HARD SUDOKU

1	5	9	6	7	4	2	8	3
4	2	3	8	5	1	9	6	7
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8	9	2	3	6	7	4	1	5
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3	7	4	5	1	8	6	2	9
5	3	8	2	4	6	7	9	1
9	6	7	1	8	3	5	4	2
2	4	1	7	9	5	8	3	6

FIVE ALIVE:

(1) **Across** – Capon; Alarm; Hutch. **Down** – Coach; Plait; Nymph.

(2) **Across** – Lilac; Scrub; Stern. **Down** – Lists; Large; Cabin.

NONAGRAM:

agley; agree; allege; allergen; allergy; anergy; angel; anger; angle; angler; angry; angyle; eager; eagerly; eagle; eagre; elegy; energy; enlarge; enrage; gale; gall; gallery; galley; gayer; gear; gear; gene; general; GENERALLY; genre; glare; glary; gleam; gleaner; glee; glen; gnarl; gnarly; gran; gray; green; greenly; greeny; grey; gyral; gyre; lager; large; largely; legal; rage; rang; range; rangy; regal; regale; regally; regnal; yage; yang.

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With millions of albums sales and hits like We Close Our Eyes, Call Me, King Of Wishful Thinking, Wouldn't It Be Good, The Riddle, I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me, I've Been In Love Before and the classic (I Just) Died In Your Arms, this authentic 80s triple header is not to be missed.

Go West It has been over 30 years since Go West had their first hit single We Close Our Eyes. Other hits followed including Call Me, Goodbye Girl and Don't Look Down, Faithful and the smash hit theme song in the film Pretty Woman King of Wishful Thinking.

Nik Kershaw Nik Kershaw first achieved chart success in 1984 with Wouldn't It Be Good?, followed by other classics such as Won't Let the Sun Go Down on Me and The Riddle. A prolific writer for other artists, Nik also penned the number one single The One and Only for Chesney Hawkes.

Closing date: Friday, February 2

Cutting Crew Originally formed in the mid-80s, this Grammy nominated, Anglo-Canadian rock band will always be remembered for their classic song (I Just) Died In Your Arms, which helped define the musical sounds of the club scene during the eighties and is still played widely today. Over twenty years later, with millions of album sales, original singer/songwriter Nick Van Eede has signed new recording publishing deals and is back on the road promoting his awesome new material.

Win tickets!

We have a pair of tickets to this great show at The Anvil and to be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

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Alfa Romeo Giulia 2.2 Turbo Diesel 180HP Super

'I want to run away with this new love'

By **Tony Yates**

For the last six months I have been waiting for the new Alfa Romeo Giulia to arrive on my driveway – and guess what? It's finally here. I'm not going to get too excited about it because it's just another car right? Actually, scrub that, this is not just another car, this is an Alfa and I'm very excited about it because the Giulia is probably the only car right now that I want to run away with to a remote desert island somewhere.

Maybe that was a little over the top, even for me – but just remember this is no ordinary 'Alfa Romeo'.

Right, now I have that out my system I will quickly calm down and resume my normal mode for the rest of the review. But please be aware that I may at some point burst into uncontrollable rants of love and affection for the Giulia at any given time - so please, be on your guard at all times whilst reading on.

Power & efficiency

My test car was fitted with a 2,143cc 4-cylinder turbo diesel engine with180HP. Top speed is around 143mph and 0-62 is up in 7.0 sec. Well, now we have that bit out the way – what was the engine actually like I hear you shout? Well, for a diesel, I would give it a big fat YES on all levels. Mainly because the engine pulls really well in any gear thanks to a brilliant 8-speed transmission, which also just happens to offer up maximum torque figure of around 450Nm.

Where the Giulia really shines though is in its ability to return over 60mpg (combined) and CO2 emissions as low as 109 g/km, which is just staggering. The engine also feels alive and posied ready for action - exactly how a proper Alfa should feel.

On the road

The suspension is set up in such a way that it works in perfect harmony with the chassis to keep the Giulia not only flat into the corners but also controlled enough on the exit, allowing you to really feel how well all those components are working together to assure you of maximum grip at all times. Plus, of course, it also happens to have that all-important Alfa DNA installed at its heart which also spills out by the bucket load.

Design & technology

On the inside, the Giulia is exciting and the attention to detail on the interior finish is not only good, it's breathtaking. You know this is a real driver's car the moment you sit inside. And it's good to see Alfa hasn't forgotten any of that.

The interior seating is well designed and the seats support you firmly. The cabin is also festooned by a decent amount of quality materials that will wear well for many years to come

Legroom in the back is good for all occupants which makes my life travelling with my children a more happy affair - thanks mainly to the amount of space they had between them limiting the moans of 'he keeps pinching me'. Like I said earlier – the Alfa is a real driver's car, and the Giulia is turning out to be something very special indeed.

Tony Yates can't hide his admiration for the new Alfa Romeo Giulia

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To sum up

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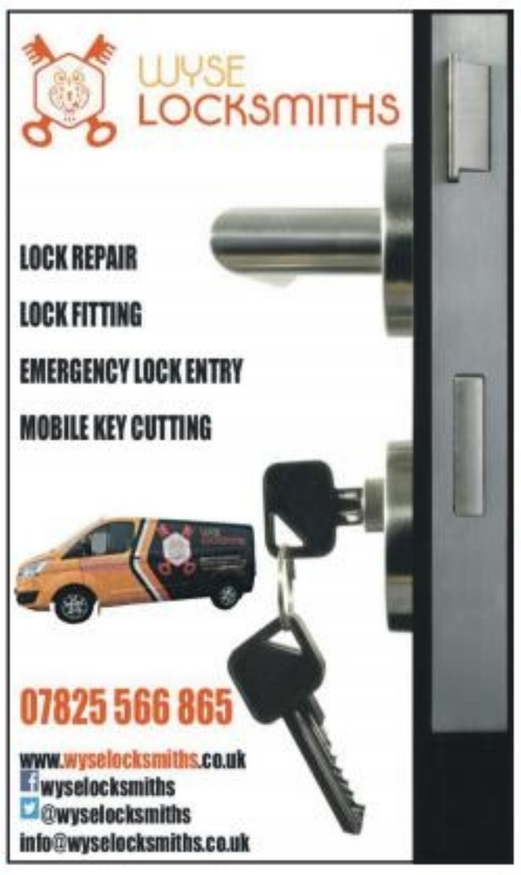

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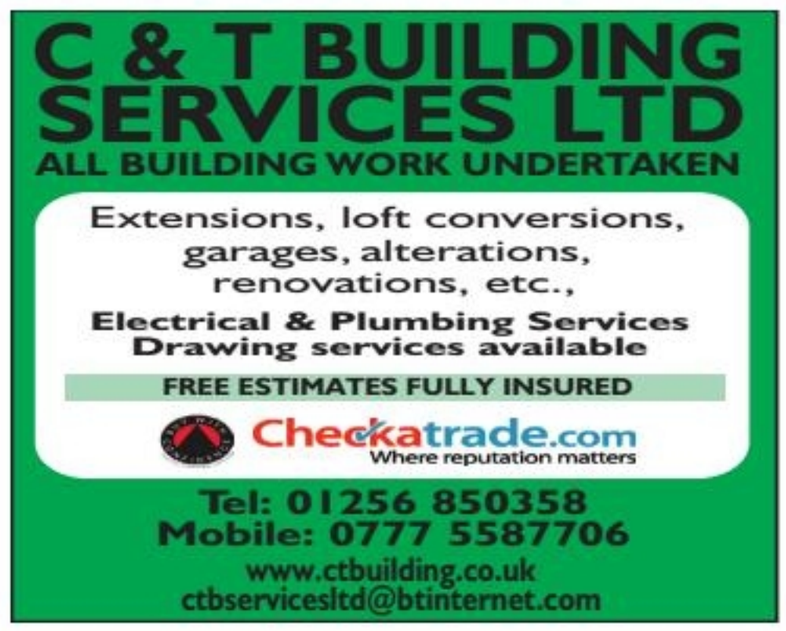

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Herd slip up in busy period

By George Welch

THERE was sweet revenge for Basingstoke Bison as they retaliated after Saturday's home loss to Peterborough Phantoms with a 4-3 away victory against the same opponents.

Monday's win returned the Herd to the top of NIHL South1, having surrendered top spot to the Phantoms in a 2-1 reverse two days prior.

That and a 6-4 home league win against Bracknell Bees on December 23 bookended what was a testing festive period for Doug Sheppard's side.

Bison crashed out of the National Cup before the turn of the year following back-to-back defeats to Swindon Wildcats on Boxing Day (6-4) and the following day (4-3 OT) [overtime win].

Sheppard said afterwards: "We knew we had a tiny mathematical chance at qualification and it was a must win game on Boxing Day.

"On home ice [the next game] we played a lot better and credit has to go to our fans who created such a brilliant atmosphere for us to play in.

"We knew in terms of progression in the competition that it was now a nothing game with the tiny chance of qualification having gone the night before but it was a vital game for me to try new combinations of players in different situations."

The title chasers followed the cup disappointment up with just their second league defeat of the season on Saturday, extending their Christmas losing run to three.

Ivan Antonov (34 minutes) gave Bison the lead in the second period but Peterborough fought back for the win, with Glenn Billing (41) and Darius Pliskauskas (56) scoring.

That cranked up the pressure at Monday's fixture. Fans enjoyed another tight game, and this time the Herd were victorious.

Goals from Hallam Wilson (9) and Kurt Reynolds (18) gave Bison a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period, extending the lead through Dan Davies on 25 minutes.

Phantoms immediately hit back through Ales Padelek but 'Stoke enjoyed a two-goal cushion heading into the final period thanks to Antonov's 34th minute strike.

Pliskauskas netted in the 46th minute but Bison were able to hold out for the win.

Basingstoke are at home to the Telford Tigers in their final National Cup tie on Saturday before travelling to Bracknell Bees on Sunday in the league.

Josh smith and Ivan Antonov enjoy celebrating a cup goal against Swindon Wildcats, despite having already been knocked out of the National Cup. Picture: grantkingphotography.com

Drivers killed in crash remembered as great characters

A RALLY driver and co-driver were killed in a crash that took place at the Loco 2 Stages Rally at Bramley camp near Basingstoke on Friday.

Driver Shawn Rayner, 52, of Eton Wick Road, Windsor, and navigator Steve Dear, 64, of School Green, Reading, were both members of the semi-professional Hehku Rally Sport team alongside Steve's son Declan Dear.

Steve's family said: "Steve Dear was a truly wonderful gentleman who won the hearts of all that came into contact with him.

"The world has lost an inspirational father, loving partner and respected friend, brother and son."

Shawn's family and friends said: "Shawn Rayner was a lovable giant that could put a smile on anyone's face.

"The world has lost two of its great characters and most incredible human beings.

"Thank you for the skids, the smiles, the rides and the memories. Keep smiling up there big man. Dad will call the notes for you, you just keep it pinned."

Event organisers Sutton & Cheam Motor Club said they were "deeply saddened by the incident".

The Motor Sports Association said: "As with all serious incidents in or around UK motor sport, the MSA is now working with the event-organising club and the police to establish precisely what happened on this occasion.

"The MSA sends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the deceased crew."

Steve Dear, left, and Shawn Rayner, right, died following a collision during a racing event near Basingstoke. Picture: KPBPhotography.co.uk

Postponed games push Row out of play-off places

HARTLEY Wintney slipped out of the play-off zones in the Evo-Stik South East Division as two out three games were called off over the Christmas period.

A 3-1 defeat to Northwood made it three games without a win for the Row, who had hopes of maintaining their top six position in the league prior to Christmas.

The postponed fixtures and defeat in London sees Row slip to 11th in the table as their play-off rivals leapfrog above them.

Hartley did not help themselves in the away trip to Northwood on December 23 when a lack of concentration at the back and a sloppy half-clearance allowed Northwood to take the early advantage on 15 minutes.

A 30-yard strike from Wilson Chingoka made things worse for the Row when Chris Harris in goal could only parry the shot into the air for it to drop back down behind him, doubling the score.

It took just three minutes for Hartley to peg one back when Callum Eagle found some space at the back post to turn in a low cross from Paul Hodges.

Chances either side of the break for Northwood prevented the visitors from getting any foothold in the game.

A saved spot kick from Dean Stow added to the pre-Christmas blues for Hartley before Chris Harris saved one at the other end, only for Mahlondo Martin to convert the rebound to ensure the Row would not be receiving any early Christmas presents.

Hartley have been prevented from making amends following the Boxing Day fixture with Marlow FC postponed due to a waterlogged pitch and the first game of the new year against Fleet Town also called off following a pitch inspection.

The Row will have a chance to make up some valuable ground in the league when they next host Bedford Town on Saturday.

Sport Bites

Hope for better year

RUGBY: Could a new year bring a new Basingstoke RFC?

Their fans certainly hope so, as the club looks to end their horrendous 12-match losing streak.

This could become 13 matches however when they kick off the new calendar year with a trip to lowly Weybridge Vandals (10th) on Saturday.

Basingstoke's last match was a humiliating 70-7 demolition at home to Portsmouth on December 16.

Tadley Tigers aren't in action in the BBO Premier Division until January 13 when they visit Hungerford.

Buffs take on Huskies

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Buffalo will be hoping 2018 starts better than 2017 ended as they travel to Haringey Huskies on Saturday.

The Buffs have lost their previous four matches, with the year culminating in an 8-4 loss at Bracknell Hornets on December 17.

'Stoke conceded five or more goals in those games but are up against a Huskies side that have lost their last two matches and haven't played since December 9.

Reversal of fortune?

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies will be out for revenge against St Nicholas Ladies on Sunday.

Town are on a mission to expunge any memory of their 6-3 defeat to the same team at the end of last year.

'Stoke slipped to the foot of South West Division One with that defeat on December 17 but can climb off the bottom with a win – their first of the season – when they return to action in south Gloucestershire this weekend.

Back to business

FOOTBALL: The Tadley Calleva and Whitchurch United players enjoyed a little extra turkey over Christmas as neither side played.

The pair clashed on December 20 (Tadley won 5-1) but have enjoyed nearly three weeks off after Tadley's game at home to Folland Sports on December 30 was postponed and Whitchurch were not scheduled to play.

Saturday sees Tadley, who slipped from first to third, host Alton (8th) and United (13th) travel to Verwood Town (17th).

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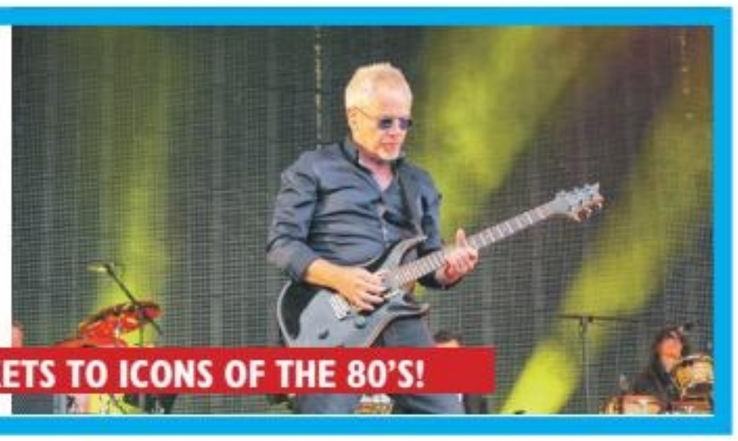

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'Stoke gift Farnborough victory with a sloppy defensive display

By Owen Hughes

BASINGSTOKE Town kicked off the year with a seven-goal thriller in the Hampshire derby but failed to stave off a late fight back from the home side losing 4-3 at the final whistle.

Two goals in under 15 minutes of the restart overturned a 2-1 half-time deficit but 'Stoke could not cling on as Farnborough replied twice within 10 minutes to end any hopes of a winning start to 2018 for manager Terry Brown's battling men.

Sam Smart's dipping 35-yard half volley put Basingstoke in firm control in the opening two minutes but a Jake Evans goal scored directly from a corner and penalty tucked away by Connor Calcutt three minutes later turned the tide for the home side.

'Stoke retook the lead in the second half with a lob from Guri Demuria and Ben Wright coolly despatching his chance, but two in quick succession from Farnborough nudged them back in front.

The Dragons were left ruing their luck when the referee showed captain Charlie Kennedy a straight red for shoving Evans to the ground attempting to get the ball back to take a free-kick.

The defeat leaves Basingstoke in 17th and one point ahead of their opponents in the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division.

Brown said: "Credit to Farnborough, they worked their socks off in the same way that we did. It was a fantastic festive game with neither side looking like they could defend.

"I think the referee was as bad as I've seen this year. How he's never give the punch at the end when it's a stonewall penalty is beyond belief.

"He sends our boy off who will have a three match ban, and boy, we cannot afford Charlie [Kennedy] to have a three match ban.

"Some of the decisions he gave were woefully inadequate and bordering on farcical.

"He wasn't the reason why we got beat today; the reason we got beat is defensively we weren't good enough."

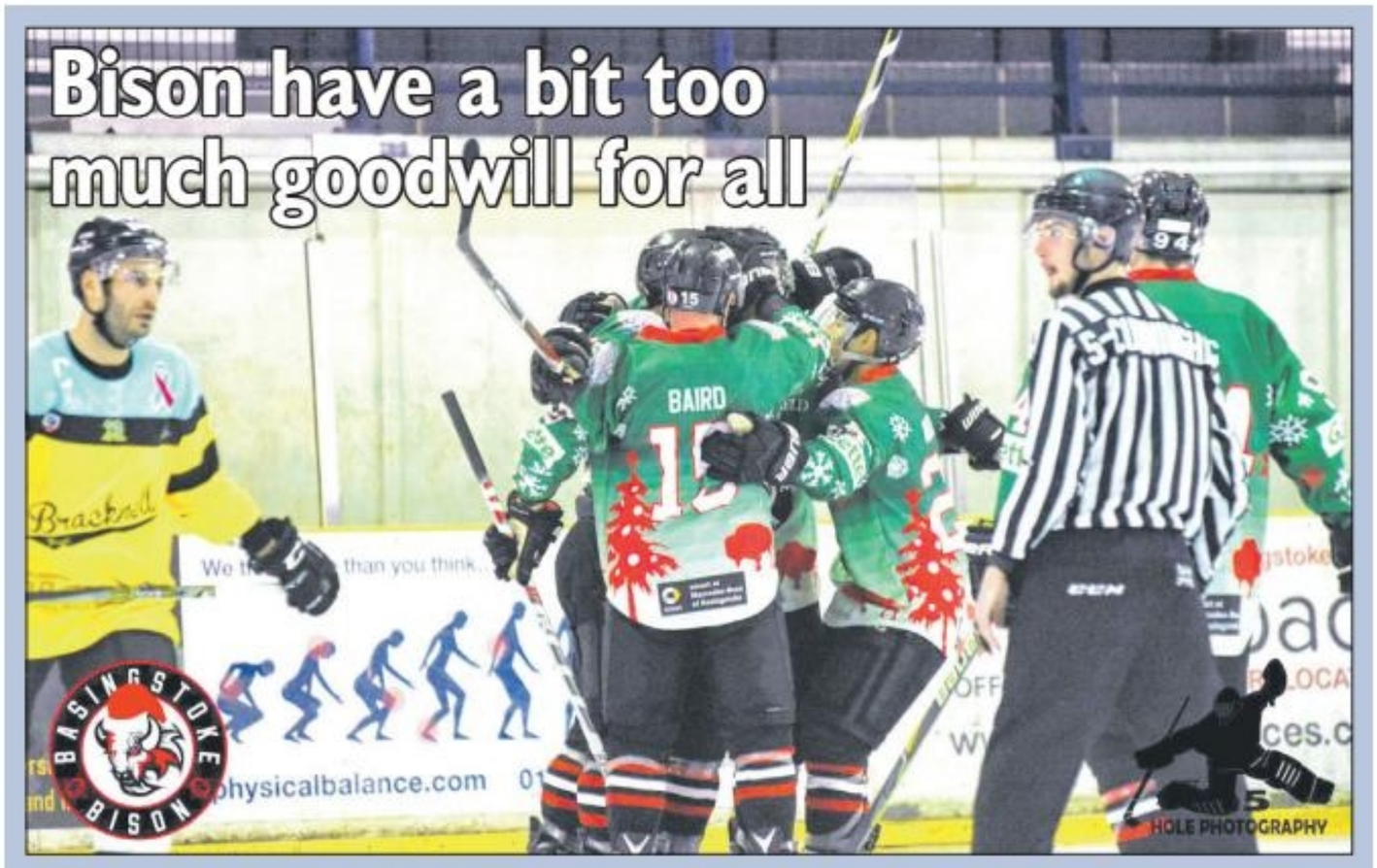
The result tells a different story to Basingstoke's performances over the Christmas period after keeping clean sheets in their other two fixtures.

There was no season of goodwill for bottom of the table Gosport Borough who were put the sword by the 'Stoke.

Callum Bunting scored twice with Smart completing the 3-0 scoreline while Dan Bayliss put in a man of the match performance at the back.

The ease with which Basingstoke took their chances was in stark contrast to the goalless draw with Royston three days earlier as both sides cancelled each other out.

Basingstoke welcome Kettering to The Camrose on Saturday.



Bison celebrate a goal in the 6-4 win over Bracknell Bees over Christmas. Picture: grankkingphotography.com

Basingstoke Bison were in the giving mood over Christmas as the Herd uncharacteristically lost three of their six festive fixtures.
Two of the defeats came at the hands of Swindon Wildcats in the National Cup, eliminating Doug Sheppard's men who didn't have much chance of progressing anyway.
'Stoke just about held on to top spot in South1 with wins against Bracknell Bees and Peterborough Phantoms.
But Bison were temporarily knocked off their perch when they lost to the East Anglian outfit on Saturday before bouncing back on Monday.

See inside for full report.

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